

Saw no other harm done to her Except a Small opening about 3 Inches wide on the side of her, but not being able to be present when Daily cut the vessell to pieces, being Sick at the habitations, Daily told him he had cut the vessell to pices Moreover, Grummet was always intoxicated always on the lake.

Endorsed: Augustin Francoeur his Declaration relative to the loss of the *Annette* in 1798

SALE OF INDIAN LANDS

Detroit January the 22^d 1799

Sir I Meant to have called on you prior to your departure relative to our Conversation on the subject of Lands purchased of Indians. I think you said the best Method to Strengthen such Titles would be to sell a part of them to men of Interest. I Agree with you. Therefore if you know of any such Characters please write or Mention the Matter to them. they may Almost make their own price for some hundred Thousand Acres and I think the offer should come from them in which case the affair could be closed soon. They can have no better Deeds than Us who purchased, and it must be an Undivided Share, for by their Securing their own they will Secure that of the other Proprietors which is the reason that I in behalf of myself & them would sell so low. No fraud has been mad[e] use of towards Indians, & the purchases are prior to the Treaty held by the late General Wayne the Lands are well situated & of a good quality.

I am Sir Your Most Obedient Humble Servant

John Askin

Solomon Sibley Esquire at Cincinnatie

Addressed: Solomon Sibley Esquire, Cincinatti

DISPUTES OVER TRADER'S OBLIGATION

Montreal 24th January 1799

Dear Sir I was duly favoured with yours of the 12th & 29th October to which I attend. The different articles of yours on the communication would I hope get up by the